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"Agriculture is the chief foundation of a nation's power, as it not only furnishes man with food and clothing, but also with materials for the mechanic arts, and commerce."

A Department of Agriculture.

The National Agricultural Association, recently in session at Washington, resolved to memorialize Congress to establish a department of agriculture. The idea is a very proper one. The Patent Office acts in some degree, as a bureau of agriculture, but is not equal to the public necessity. The Government might do a great deal for agriculture, by the introduction of seeds and animals, by the distribution of information and scientific discoveries, and by testing processes and experiments. With a climate stretching through half the northern temperate zone, and belting the whole continent, we ought to multiply our agricultural products, and to naturalize here many for which we are dependent upon foreign countries, or which, from their perishable nature, not being adapted to sea transportation, we do not have at all. There has never before been a time when so much attention was paid to agricultural subjects. Men of fortune all over the country are testing experiments, the results of which will be for the public benefit, and large sums are expended in improvements which, if successful, may be adopted by others at far less cost.

Providence Journal.

Cotton in Africa.

Thirty varieties of cotton have been found growing spontaneously in Africa. A missionary says he has stood erect under the branches of a cotton tree in a Goulah village, so heavily laden with bolls that it was propped up with forked sticks to prevent it from breaking under its weight.—The cotton was equal to that of any country. The natives manufacture cotton goods exclusively.

Scientific American.

Paint for Brick Houses.

A correspondent of the Ohio Farmer has used a cheap and very durable paint for the exterior of brick dwellings, which has already stood several years, and is now quite as fresh as when first applied. It consists simply of lime-wash, with sulphate of zinc as a fixing ingredient. Any requisite shade is given by adding the colors used by house painters. A clear and rich cream color may be obtained by applying yellow ochre to the common new brick; a livelier and warmer shade will be added by a little Venetian red. Burnt sienna may likewise be used. This paint is far cheaper than oil paint, costs but little more than common whitewash, and nothing will remove it but the severest friction.

Whitewash.

To make whitewash that will not rub off, mix up half a pailful of lime and water ready to put on the wall; then take a quarter of a pint of flour, mix it up with water, a sufficient quantity to thicken it, then pour it while hot into the whitewash, stir it well together, and it is ready.

Another, that won't rub off nor wash off out of doors.—To one bushel of lime made into whitewash as usual add twenty pounds of Spanish whiting, seventeen pounds of rock salt, and twelve pounds of brown sugar. Mix all well together, in about forty gallons of water, and if for fine work, strain it. At any rate, put it on thin, and if not white enough, give it two or three coats. It will then last for years. The receipt is worth one hundred dollars, and we give it to you for the tenth part of a cent.

Romance in Real Life.

John Aspdon, whose death was noticed in our columns, was one of the Eng-

lish claimants of the immense estate left by Matthias Aspdon. Before the case was decided by the Supreme Court in favor of the American heirs, the latter proposed to the deceased to compromise the matter, and offered to pay him the sum of \$250,000 to relinquish his claim; this he refused to do, and the decision of the court cut him off without a farthing. On Monday morning the estate was divided between the heirs at law, and almost at the same moment John Aspdon fell dead at a tavern in Carter's alley, of disease of the heart, supposed to have been induced by disappointment and mortification. At the time of his death his pockets contained a solitary cent, his entire fortune. To-day the man who might have been a possessor of a quarter of a million of dollars will be borne to his grave from an obscure part of the district of Southwark.

Philadelphia Bulletin.

A Prophet.

Jonas Welch, of Missouri prophesied five years ago, that on the 3rd of March, 1852, he would lose his eldest daughter, and that on the 29th day of October, 1852, he would lose his wife.—On the days specified, wife and daughter died. He now says that on the 18th day of August, 1854, he will die himself of cholera. He is considerably distressed about the matter, and never for a moment doubts but that his life will then terminate. He has already arranged his worldly affairs as well as spiritual, to be in readiness for the fatal period.

The Spirit Rappers in Washington.

Col. B. F. Perry in a late letter from Washington city to his paper, the Greenville, S. C. Patriot, gives the following:

Last night I went, in company with General Thompson and Mr. Colecock, to Gov. Talmadge's room to see and hear the wonders of spiritual rappings, writing mediums and speaking mediums. Mr. Atchison, President of the Senate, Mr. Jennifer, former Minister to Austria, and Gov. Hamlin, were there also for the same purpose. Gov. Talmadge has been a Senator from New York, and Governor of Wisconsin. He is a gentleman of high character, great acquirements and talents. He was intimate with Mr. Calhoun whilst in the Senate. He is a good looking gentleman, with a large head, full face, stout person, and about the ordinary height. He was distinguished for good practical hard sense and great labor and investigation. So much for the Governor's character. Now for his narrative and experience in these occult sciences and spirit rapping. I will give it as he gave it to me and the other gentleman above named. Remember who they were listening to these astounding revelations. The President of the U. States Senate, an ex-Governor of South Carolina, an ex-Minister to Austria, and ex-Minister to Mexico, a member of Congress and my humble self. The narrator was no old woman, or juggler, or mountebank, but a Governor and Senator.

Gov. Talmadge said he heard of these spiritual rappers, and laughed at them as every body else did for a great while. One day he saw it stated in the New York Herald that Judge Edmondson was a believer, and assisting in experiments. This startled him. He knew Judge Edmondson to be one of the purest, best and most able men he had ever associated with. If such a man could be imposed on, he desired to see the impostor. Consequently he went to Mrs. Fish's, in New York. There were four or five persons in the room. He knew none of them, and none of them knew him. Whilst seated at the table, a spirit rapped and said "My old friend I wish to communicate with you—I am John C. Calhoun!" The company said "Is there any one amongst us who knew Mr. Calhoun?" Gov. Talmadge replied he did. The spirit was then asked if the message was to him, and the response was, "Yes." Gov. Talmadge then asked Mr. Calhoun if he still believed in nullification and secession. He said, "Yes." (Here Governor Hamilton remarked in an under tone, "I am glad Calhoun sticks to his principles in the world of spirits.") But said Mr. Calhoun, "my notions of public policy have undergone some change." From this time Gov. Talmadge became a constant visitor to Mrs. Fish, and has a volume of manuscripts which he read to us, containing communications of the most extraordinary character from Calhoun, Webster and others. These manuscripts the Governor intends publishing.

Next the Governor informed us of his going to a speaking medium—a woman—ignorant and uneducated, who possessed the power of withdrawing her own spirit from her body, and permitting her clay tenement to be occupied by Calhoun, Webster, Gov. Talmadge's mother, uncle, and others. The first communication he received from this source, was from his mother. She spoke fifteen or twenty minutes, and her communication was taken down in short hand by Judge Edmondson, and this also was read to us. In the same way, and through the same medium of this old woman, Mr. Calhoun addressed Governor Talmadge, and Judge Edmondson took down his speech, which was read to us. Mr. Calhoun commenced by saying, "This is a novel position for me to occupy," (the body of an old woman,) and I thought so, too. While speaking, this lady had all the manner and gesture of Mr. Calhoun, with his philosophical condensation of thought. My impression was that the language was entirely too figurative and scriptural for Mr. Calhoun; but General Hamilton remarked that he was now speaking from the world of spirits, which might very naturally affect his style, and imbue with imagery, &c.

Lastly, Gov. Talmadge told us of the writing medium—a young man who holds a pen in his hand in any sort of way and the spirit of Calhoun, or some spirits, will guide the pen and make it write, with the rapidity of lightning the most eloquent and profound discourses. These discourses were read to us and the handwriting shown to us.

Gov. Talmadge also informed us that he said on one occasion he wished some physical sign given him of the presence of Mr. Calhoun; whereupon the spirit told him to get on the table and it should rise up. He did so, and the table rose up and jolted him about pretty severely. He was then told to put paper and pencil under the table, and Mr. Calhoun wrote on the paper, "I am with you." This writing was shown to us, and both Gen. Hamilton and Gen. Thompson said they would swear to the hand-writing. I could say it looked exactly like Mr. Calhoun's writing.—But I should not like to swear that it was written by Calhoun.

An Odd Settlement.

At St. Louis, last week, a young lady was prosecuted before Esquire Treadway for obtaining \$127 worth of goods from a young merchant under false pretences. When the suit opened, the lady appeared, owned up, and willingly offered herself for pay. The merchant liked her and accepted the legal tender which was ratified by the magistrate.

Elopement.

A few days since our usually quiet town was thrown into a state of unusual excitement, by the elopement of one of our fashionables, Mrs. Hawke, with a Dr. Gordon, who has been practising here for a short time. Mrs. Hawke was decidedly the prettiest woman in our town, with blue eyes, light hair, fine figure and aristocratic manners—gracing the circle in which she moved. Mr. Hawke, her husband, has not only to grieve the loss of his wife, but of several hundred dollars in money, which she took with her. The Doctor is a tall, six footer, with a large, projecting forehead, heavy eye-brows, awful whiskers, and goatee; he called himself Dr. A. B. Gordon, Eclectic Physician and Cancer Surgeon. He left without paying any of his bills, not even the printer got sight of his money. Pass him round.—Long Point (Mo.) Adv.

A Veteran Thief.

A colored woman, named Elizabeth Wilson, is before the New York Courts, charged with a complicity of robberies. One hundred and ninety-one indictments have been preferred against her, and should she be convicted on each count to the extent of the law, she could be sentenced to the State prison for nearly one thousand years.

What is Man.

A young lady answers—"A thing to waltz with, a thing to flirt with, to take one to places of amusement, to laugh at, to be married to, to pay one's bills, to keep one comfortable." Not far from the truth.

Our Jim, in answer to the question "What is woman?" says—"Mechanically speaking, a woman is one hundred pounds of flesh and blood, two pounds of silk, ten pounds of cotton, one pound of whale bone, with an indefinite amount of "fuss and feathers." Jim is a good lawyer, but no judge of women.

A valuable Farm IN MARKET.

THE Subscriber offers for sale his Farm which is situated in the lower part of

Beaufort County.

It consists of 455 acres, 150 of which is under fence and in a good state of cultivation. The necessary buildings are upon it and generally in good condition. In recommending this Farm I would state that I measured from two acres of the field last year thirty-one barrels of corn, and about twenty acres averaged fourteen barrels per acre, which was obtained without manuring. This farm has a fine fall for drainage, is located near Pungo river, up which the largest kind of vessels can pass within two miles of the farm, and lighter boats and flats can come up a creek within a half a mile. The growth of this Land is poplar, gum, white oak, hickory, ash and paupau; and the whole tract is underlaid with shell marl five feet from the surface. Any person wishing to buy a valuable farm would do well to apply at once, and the purchaser can make a crop on it the present year. Address the Subscriber at Bath, N. C.

Jan. 6, 1853. JOHN F. TOMPKINS.

Ten Men,

Of thorough resolute business habits, are wanted in the Southern States, to sell

The American Lawyer and business man's Form Book,

COMPILED BY D. W. HEADLE, ESQ.

Containing Legal forms and instructions adapted to the whole United States, requisite to almost every possible circumstance in ordinary transaction of business, with the Laws of each State on household and household exemptions, mechanics lien, collection of debts, contracts, deeds, wills, chattels, mortgages, interest, rights of married women, &c., besides a great variety of information on such subjects as postage, public lands, patents, coins, weights and measures, book-keeping, naturalization, &c., indispensable to merchants, mechanics, farmers, professional men, &c. It also contains thirty-one State maps divided into counties, and a map of the United States; features never exhibited before in book form, and which alone are worth double the price asked for the whole work. The work has been highly recommended by the Hon. Henry Clay of Kentucky, Judges Kent and Edmonds of One Dollar, (post paid) or a copy in leather binding upon the receipt of One Dollar and twenty-five cents. No person need apply who has not energy sufficient to earn 74 dollars per month over all expenses. For further information address (post paid) or apply New York, and other eminent counsellors in various parts of the United States. The retail price is \$1.00 in strong binding, and \$1.25 in leather.

A copy in strong binding will be sent by mail (free of postage) upon the receipt of pay personally to H. M. RANNEY, at the Book Bindery, 101 Meeting-street, Charleston, S. C., General Agent for the South. The above work is also translated into the German language, and can be obtained as above (retail price One Dollar and twenty-five cents.)

N. B.—Editors of papers throughout the Southern States who will give the above advertisement, (including this notice) two or more insertions, and send a copy of the paper containing the same addressed as above, shall receive (by mail free of postage) a copy of the work. March 15, 1853.

The Weekly News.

And Southern Literary Gazette.

A Family paper, devoted to Intelligence, Literature and the Arts. To a people's improvement in letters, they owe the practice of their virtues. W. Y. Paxton, Publisher, Office No. 119 East Bay, Charleston, S. C. P. H. Hayne, Editor. Terms, \$2 00 per annum. March, 1852.

Dr. McLane's

Great remedy for liver complaint.

The proprietors of this justly celebrated medicine are in the daily receipt of the most gratifying testimonials of its excellence. Cases that had been given up as incurable by most skillful physicians, were cured immediately after these pills were given. The certificates are so numerous, that it is impossible to publish them within the limits of a newspaper; but as it now is an established fact that McLane's Liver Pills are the best medicine ever offered for the cure of hepatic derangement, their publication is rendered unnecessary. Those who suffer from that worst of scourges, Liver Complaint, should lose no time, but hasten to purchase and use this invaluable medicine.

For sale by Geo. Howard.

Wheeler's

HISTORY OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Wiley's North Carolina Reader.

Biggs's History of the Keebuck Baptist Association.

Graefenberg Manual of Health, &c. &c.

For sale by Geo. Howard.

Bridge Building.

PERSONS desirous of having bridges built, either on the plan of driving the posts or by mud sills, are informed that they can be accommodated on moderate terms, by applying to the subscriber—who has under his direction negro ELI, who has had considerable experience in that business, and is fully prepared to undertake such jobs.

J. J. W. POWELL.
Scotland Neck, March 24, 1853.

Liberian Emigration.

A VESSEL will sail on the 1st of May from Norfolk, Va., to Liberia. Persons intending to emigrate this spring, should make application soon. WM. McLAIN, Sec. Washington Col. Rooms.

State of North Carolina,

EDGECOMBE COUNTY.

William Brake

vs.

Willie Brake and William B. Brake.

Petition for partition of Real Estate—filed February Term 1853, of Edgecombe Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions.

THE defendants, both of whom are non-residents, are hereby notified respectively, that unless they be and appear at the next term of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, to be held for the county of Edgecombe, at the Court House in Tarboro', on the fourth Monday of May next, and then and there plead, answer or demur to the petition of the plaintiffs, judgment *pro confesso* will be entered against them, and the cause heard *ex parte*.

Done by order of said Court, Feb'y term 1853. JOHN NORFLEET, Clerk of said Court.

PROSPECTUS OF

The Christian Friend.

"Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you."—Jesus.

JOHN T. WALSH, Editor and Proprietor.

HAVING been repeatedly solicited to publish a religious Journal in this State, I have concluded to issue this Prospectus, and thus submit the matter to the brethren and to an enlightened and liberal public. The work will be devoted to primitive christianity, and will be liberal and anti-sectarian in its character. Subordinate, and auxiliary to its fundamental object, it will advocate a corrected version of the English Scriptures; and it will, therefore be the uncompromising friend of the "Bible Union." The cause of Temperance, as taught in the Holy Scriptures, will receive the attention it justly demands; and the Editor hopes, by having a department of this sort in his paper, to secure the patronage of the friends of that noble cause. Perhaps no State in the Union is so fearfully cursed with intemperance as North Carolina; and our efforts should be proportioned to the resistance to be overcome. We shall also pay due attention to the subject of Education, moral, intellectual and religious. Our Journal will not be a one-sided one, but be open to a free and full investigation of all subjects of a practical tendency. No speculation, or untaught theme, will be admitted to its pages. We invite the co-operation and patronage of all the friends of original christianity, morality and education.

THE CHRISTIAN FRIEND will be published Monthly, at Wilson, N. C., 16 super royal octavo pages to the number, at \$1 00 per annum, payable in advance. No paper will be sent without the money.

All Editors, religious and secular, friendly to our enterprise, will please give this Prospectus an insertion, and exchange.

All letters and papers must be addressed to JOHN T. WALSH, Walshville, Pitt Co., N. C.

VALUABLE TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF

An Invaluable Medicine.

"We love to record the testimony of medical men in favor of Dr. McLane's medicines; it is gratifying, because the Vermifuge and Liver Pills of that distinguished physician were not invented for speculation, but were introduced into the practice with the design of effecting good, and they became celebrated through their great merit. They are not, therefore, to be placed in the same category with the patent nostrums of the day, which are so extravagantly puffed in the advertising columns of the newspapers. Drs. Newcomb and Duff, in common with others of the medical faculty, are simply doing justice to these invaluable medicines in thus speaking well of them, and truly imitate the benevolence of the "good Samaritan" in endeavoring to extend their use."

Jonesville, January 30, 1850.

Gentlemen—We have used quite a quantity of McLane's Vermifuge in our practice, and find it to be a valuable article, and one much needed in the country. If we can get a sufficient quantity, we will use some exertion to dispose of it.

Drs. NEWCOMB & DUFF.

Messrs. J. Kidd & Co

For sale by Geo. Howard.

Mountain Banner Office

FOR SALE.

THE subscriber expecting to change his place of business soon, the office of the Mountain Banner is offered for sale.

The Banner is now in its 5th year of publication, with a compensating subscription list and a good advertising patronage. The Job Work of the office is also considerable.

The materials of the office are all good and in good order. The Press is an excellent one, of the Washington kind, with a self-rolling Attachment. There is type enough to last several years, a considerable quantity of which has been but very little used. Also a good assortment of Job Type, ornamental Bordering, Furniture, a first rate Imposing Stone, and every thing necessary for a Country Printing Office.

The purchaser must be one who will conduct the paper on Democratic principles.

A bargain may be had. For particulars, address FRANK I. WILSON, Rutherfordton, N. C. March 22, 1853.

What can be got for Five Dollars.

The undersigned have entered into an arrangement by which they agree to furnish the Knickerbocker Magazine, (monthly,) the Home Journal, (weekly,) and the Musical World and Times, (weekly,) to new subscribers, at the very moderate price of five dollars a year for the three publications; all orders, enclosing that amount to Dyer & Willis, will be promptly attended to.

SAMUEL HUESTON,

Publisher of the Knickerbocker.

MORRIS & WILLIS,

Publisher of the Home Journal.

DYER & WILLIS,

Publishers of the Musical World and Times,

257 Broadway, New York.

Grand Literary and Artistic Combination.

Arrangements have been made to furnish the Knickerbocker Magazine, the Home Journal, and the New York Musical World and Times, to new subscribers, for five dollars a year! This is cheap literature, with a vengeance. The Knickerbocker is \$3 per annum; the Home Journal, \$2; and the Musical World and Times, \$3; making \$8 a year at the usual rates. That three such works can be obtained for five dollars a year, is a fact truly worthy the Caloric age, which is just now being ushered in. Of the Knickerbocker Magazine, edited by Lewis Gaylord Clark, it is unnecessary to speak. For twenty years it has been the most genial, humorous, and spicy "monthly" in the world; and the present volume will be better than any which preceded it. The Home Journal, edited by Geo. P. Morris, and N. P. Willis, is well known as the best family newspaper in America; and the Musical World and Times, edited by Richard Storrs Willis, with Lowell Mason, Geo. H. Curtis, Thomas Hastings, Wm. B. Bradbury, Geo. F. Root, and other musical writers contributing; and which gives, among other things, over \$25 worth of music and a full course of instruction in harmony annually, is the very best musical journal ever published. These three publications will post a family up in regard to nearly everything worth knowing:—Art, Science, Literature; Music, Painting, Sculpture; Inventions, Discoveries; Wit, Humor, Fancy, Sentiment; the Newest Fashions and other attractions for Ladies; Choice New Music for the Sabbath, the Church, and the Fireside; Reviews and Criticisms of Musical Works, Performers and Performances, in short, the very pick and cream of Novelty, Incident, History, Biography, Art, Literature and Science; including whatever can be given in periodicals to promote Healthy Amusement and Solid Instruction in the family, and help to make it Better, Wiser, and Happier, may be now obtained for FIVE DOLLARS. Address DYER & WILLIS, 257 Broadway.

Godey's Lady's Book.

Terms cash in advance, postage paid.

One copy one year, \$3. Two copies one year, \$5.

Five copies one year \$10, and an extra copy to the person sending the club.

Ten copies one year, \$16. Thirteen copies one year, \$20.

Where a club is made up by individuals who reside at a distance from each other, the Book will be sent to the town in which each resides.

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We can always supply back numbers for the year, as the work is stereotyped.

Address L. A. GODEY,

No. 113 Chestnut street, Philadelphia.

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The American Farmer.

\$1 per annum, in advance; 6 copies for

\$5; 12 copies for \$10; 30 copies for \$20.

Advertisements—For 1 square of 12 lines,

for each insertion, \$1; 1 square, per annum,

\$10; 1/2 column, do. \$5; 1/4 column, do. \$50

—larger advertisements in proportion.

Address SAMUEL SANDS, Publisher,

At the State Agricultural Society Rooms, No.

128 Baltimore st., over the "American

Office," 5th door from Nassau street.